

Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia NEWSLETTER

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Community Support

If you are in need of assistance in caring for your animals or if you know anyone who is struggling to provide the basic necessities for their animals, please contact us to inquire about some available resources. We can aid an individual for up to two times a year with various supplies including straw for outdoor bedding, food, litter, and some medical assistance.

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New Year – New Officers and Board Members

Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia is pleased to announce its leadership for 2011:

Chair: Ronda Smith
Co-Chair – Kelley Owen
Executive Director – Cynthis Lucas
Secretary – Kathy Orosz
Treasurer – Carol Mangone
Co-Treasurer – Valerie Holsinger
Board of Directors – Marsha Boliner
Valerie Holsinger
Cynthis Lucas
Carol Mangone
Margo Neal
Kathy Orosz
Kelley Owen
Ronda Smith

These dedicated individuals are committed to the Animal Friends' mission – to operate a high-quality, non-profit sanctuary and foster program, providing refuge, aid, and care for unwanted, abandoned, and abused animals, free from the threat of unwarranted euthanasia. They welcome your input and involvement:

Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia
252 Brewer Road
Morgantown, WV 26508
304-290-4PET (4738)
www.animalfriendswv.org

Mark Your Calendars!

All proceeds from Animal Friends' fundraisers support our no-kill sanctuary.

April 9th, 2011 – Annual Canine Egg Fetch

Animal Friends will be hosting their Annual Canine Egg Fetch on Saturday, April 9th at the Marilla Park Main Pavilion. Registration by donation will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the hunt starting at 1 p.m. Hundreds of hidden eggs, each with a special treat, prizes, and an appearance by everyone's favorite Rabbit. All dogs must be on a leash and supervised at all times. Hope to see you there!

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### May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Annual "Cash Bash"

Animal Friends' Annual "Cash Bash" is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at the Elks Lodge on Chestnut Ridge Road. Cash Prizes, Good Food, Raffles and Dancing to the sounds of Local Vocalist "Al Anderson". Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the first \$200 drawing begins at 6 p.m. \$200 drawings will be held every 15 minutes and the grand prize drawing of \$1000 will be at 9 p.m. (Need not be present to win prizes) Tickets are \$25 per person and include food and beverage. Tickets are available at Lucky's Attic at the Mountaineer Mall, Woofs, Hillcrest Vet Clinic, Masman Jewelers or by calling 304-282-4052 or 304-290-1010 to reserve your tickets. Ticket availability at the door may be limited. Plan on joining us for a fun filled evening.

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August 28th, 2011 – Annual "Dog Day" – the Ultimate Canine Pool Party

Animal Friends will be hosting their Annual "Dog Day" - the Ultimate Canine Pool Party at Marilla Pool on Sunday, August 28th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Plan to join us for a day of fun in the sun! All dogs must be on a leash and supervised at all times.

An Unsuccessful Attempt at Fostering

A couple of months ago we brought a timid Silky Terrier along with a number of other dogs to the sanctuary. That same evening, two of our regular volunteers stopped by to visit with the animals and drop off a food donation. Perhaps we should have recognized then that it was love at first sight between our volunteers and the little fellow. During the next two weeks and unbeknownst to us, the connection grew stronger as Silky kept warming up to his new visitors. Things really took off, however, when the two volunteers offered to foster the little terrier while he was recovering from getting neutered. But that was also the moment when the "deal was sealed". Silky apparently fit right in with the other two terriers in the home. Finally, his true nature came to light – we hear that he is an energetic, playful, and care-free doggie. He loves squeaky toys and he apparently is constantly on a mission to rid all toys of their "squeaky curse". He also absolutely adores his new canine siblings, Baxter and Sadie. He is even a role-model to them when it comes to sporting cozy outdoor apparel.

Our volunteering couple got to experience first-hand the "dark side" of fostering!

"If you were arrested for kindness, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

Unknown

OUR ANIMAL-TASTIC WEBSITE!!!

We are very excited to announce the launching of our redesigned website. The new site includes exciting user-friendly options such as PayPal donations, links to Facebook and Twitter, as well as access to our Amazon wish list. The changes also incorporate an online membership registration and contact option. The users are still able to view the animals that are currently at the sanctuary as well as other available animals.

Our redesigned website will feature companies that help to support our mission. To find out more about this opportunity, please see the "Become a Sponsor" link on our home page.

www.animalfriendswv.org

The website design, hosting, and maintenance are generously donated by NOW! Marketing Services Inc.

Alumni Happy Tails

We welcome your stories on our adoptees. Feel free to post some news and upload recent photos of the Animal Friends' additions to your family on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/animalfriendswv.

"I think we are drawn to dogs because they are the uninhibited creatures we might be if we weren't certain we knew better."

George Bird Evans

You can Help Us Reduce Newsletter Cost with E-mail

Please send your email address to newsletter@animalfriendswv.org to receive our newsletter electronically. All savings are applied to the operation of our no-kill animal sanctuary.

You can also contact us if you would like to be removed from our mailing list.

Please Share Your Talents!

Animal Friends has many wonderful volunteers performing many tasks – while also having fun! Can you spare just an hour or two a week on any of the following ...?

- cleaning donated items, setting up displays, or cashiering at Lucky's Attic Thrift Shoppe
- using your own truck to pick up donated furniture once a month
- cleaning the pets' living quarters at the no-kill sanctuary
- walking the dogs and socializing the animals at the sanctuary
- painting; planting/weeding flowers at the sanctuary
- organizing the sanctuary's pet food bank
- grant writing

To share your talents, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Orosz, at (304) 290-0161, or email us at newsletter@animalfriendswv.org.



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